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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - DOV COHEN

REF: TEL AVIV 8185 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF INFORMED DURING CALL ON ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL GABRIEL BACH DECEMBER 7 THAT THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED WITH THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF DOV COHEN WAS EXCEEDINGLY WEAK. THE COURT FOUND THE TESTIMONY OF THE TWO CONTRACTORS WAS NOT PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN PINNING DOWN SPECIFIC CHARGES OF BRIBERY. COHEN ADMITTED HAVING RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS BUT CONTENDED IT WAS PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY HIS PRIVATE CONSULTING FIRM. COHEN'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY PRESENTED BOOKS CORROBORATING RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY AND INCLUSION OF SUCH FUNDS IN HIS INCOME TAX STATEMENTS.

2. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AWAITING THE STATE PROSECUTOR'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER THERE ARE TECHNICAL GORUNDS FOR AN APPEAL. IN TELCON WITH STATE PROSECUTOR EMBASSY INFORMED THAT APPEAL MUST BE BASED ON IRREGULARITIES IN PROCEDURE AND THAT NEW EVIDENCE MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED FOR APPEAL. STATE PROSECUTOR INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CASE OR EVEN HARD EVIDENCE SUCH AS COPIES OF CANCELLED CHACKS WOULD BE USEFUL SHOULD APPEAL BE SOUGHT.

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3. STATE PROSECUTOR HAS PROMISED TO NOTIFY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY
WHEN DECISION IS REACHED WHETHER TO APPEAL CASE.
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